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DS**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

BURNS John et alSerial No: **08/013,021**Filed: **January 26, 1998**Art Unit: **2738**Examiner: **QURESHI, A**

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For **SWITCHED DIAGNOSTICS IN A SIGNALLING NETWORK (SVC)**Honorable Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**OFFICIAL****RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 14, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 to 3 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer, add new claim 27, and amend claims 9, 13-15, and 20-22 as follows:

1. (Amended). A method of detecting and diagnosing faults in a network having a plurality of nodes through which switched virtual connections can be established, comprising the steps of:

- a) entering a diagnostics mode for a given user when a suspected fault is detected;
- b) attempting to establish a virtual connection originating at said given user through

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